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**CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

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**WORSHIP** – Sundays, 9:30 AM  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** – Sundays, 9:30 AM

**2019 CONSISTORY MEMBERS**  
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**SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN**

**Glory Days**

O the joy of being a child on Easter, hunting for Easter eggs with my sisters and cousins, looking at least three times under each bush or cushion, if it was raining, to make sure we found every egg. Still long after Easter my grandfather once told us with a smile in his eye that he smelled something strange one day and with his nose managed to hunt out the colored egg, now rotting in the deepest corner of the couch, which we all missed months earlier.

Those were the days! Bruce Springsteen sang about them, calling them "Glory Days", reminiscing about the star athlete, the prom queen, the people who reached the pinnacle of success when they were young and could never find the same acclaim as they grew older.

Glory days, well, they'll pass you by.  
Glory days, in the wink of a young girl's eye.  
Glory days, glory days.

Looking back with regret, we might say philosophically, "All good things come to an end." But it's not true. Easter never ends. With hearts and minds filled with hope and faith, we observe resurrection life not simply one day a year but every day. God has blessed us with new beginnings so that every day can be like the first day of life as we witness God's new creation and see God at work all around us.

This Easter season, Jesus has given us the gift of life in abundance. Jesus died on the cross to lift the deadly weight of sin from us. He rose to life on the third day to give us new life, life to embrace with joy today and forever.

"You are live. It needn't have been so. It wasn't so once, and it will not be so forever. But it is so now. And what is it like: to be alive in this maybe one place of all places anywhere where life is? Live a day of it and see. Take any day and be alive in it. Nobody claims that it will be entirely painless, but no matter. It is your birthday, and there are many presents to open. The world is to open." (Frederick Buechner, *The Alphabet of Grace*)

Our Easter egg hunt isn't over. There are many eggs to find and there is life still to open. Through that first glorious Easter, every day is a Glory Day. Death is defeated. Love wins. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Yours in Jesus Christ,  
*Pastor Shawn*

## WORSHIP: THE SEASON OF EASTER

### THE SEASON OF EASTER: **Glory Days**

#### **4/28 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Glory and Joy Forever**

Baptism of Isabella Lee Wessner	
Psalm 150	Praise the Lord
Revelation 1:4-8	Glory and Dominion
John 20:19-31	Jesus Appears Behind Locked Doors

#### **5/5 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Three Times the Glory**

Sacrament of Communion	
Psalm 30	Mourning into Dancing
Revelation 5:11-14	Worthy is the Lamb
John 21:1-19	Jesus Appears to the Disciples

#### **5/12 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Streams of Glory**

Mother's Day	
Psalm 23	The House of the Lord
Revelation 7:9-17	The Great Crowd
John 10:22-30	Jesus at the Temple

#### **5/19 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter The Glory of Love**

Graduate Recognition	
Psalm 148	Praise the Lord from the Heavens
Revelation 21:1-6	The New Earth
John 13:31-35	The New Commandment

#### **5/19 Schuylkill Haven Area High School Baccalaureate**

Jerusalem Lutheran Evangelical Church 4 PM

#### **5/26 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Living with Glory**

Anniversary Sunday; Golden Anniversary Recognition	
Psalm 67	Sing for Joy
Revelation 21:1-10, 22-26	The New Jerusalem
John 14:23-29	Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

### **SUNDAY, MAY 26**

### **Golden Anniversary Recognition**

People who have been married 50 years or longer will be celebrated for their commitment. Call the church office at 570-385-2049 to submit the names of these faithful couples.

#### **6/2 Ascension Sunday See the Glory**

Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53	The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Revelation 22:1-5, 12-13, 16-17, 20-21	The Promise of Jesus' Return
John 17:20-36	Jesus Prays for Future Believers

## WORSHIP: THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

### THE SEASON OF PENTECOST: **Spirit of Freedom**

#### **6/9 Pentecost**

Sacrament of Communion  
Acts 2:1-21  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17

#### **Suddenly Free**

The Coming of the Holy Spirit  
Led by the Spirit  
Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

#### **6/16 Trinity Sunday**

Father's Day

#### **Guest Preacher: The Rev. Bill Worley**

Pennsylvania SE Conference Minister

#### **6/23**

#### **Guest Preacher: Ray Riegel**

#### **6/30 Praise and Healing Sunday**

Butterfly Release

### **BUTTERFLY RELEASE**

Would you like to release a butterfly in honor or in memory of a loved one? Cost: \$12 per butterfly. If you are interested and have not already requested a butterfly, please call the church office to reserve one (or two) by June 2. The butterflies will be released on Sunday, June 30 after worship.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

May 5

David is Made King

May 12

The Ark in Jerusalem

**Mother's Day**

May 19

God's Covenant with David

May 26

David's Disobedience

June 2

**Summer Schedule; NO Children's Church**

June 9

**Pentecost Sunday; NO Children's Church**

June 16

**Father's Day; NO Children's Church**

June 23

Solomon is Made King

June 30

**Praise & Healing; NO Children's Church**

Many thanks to our faithful teachers who have served Christ by sharing with our children throughout the year: head teacher Delia Edling, Gavin Fry, Linda McDonald, Riley Moyer, and Malaki Nye.

**SPONSORS NEEDED.** This is a great way to note an important event or honor a loved one. Sponsor the bulletin (\$12), newsletter (\$12), or flowers (\$20). Call Jen to reserve your date (570-385-2049).



## CHRISTIAN PASSAGES / SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

**New Members** – With joy on Palm Sunday, April 14, we welcomed three new members into the church through their affirmations of faith. They are: **Donald Baker**, husband of Joanne Ryan Baker; **Jennifer Hosler**, daughter of **George Hosler**; and **Penny Shade**, Chef at Penn State Schuylkill and partner of **Todd Roberts**. They have many gifts to offer to the life of the church and we look forward to their involvement.

**Wedding** – **Robyn Sonnon & Bradley Porter** were married on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Congratulations Robyn & Bradley!!

## CONFIRMATION

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**                      **Sundays after Worship until Noon**  
The last confirmation class of this year will be June 2 as we strive to catch up for missed Sundays. The confirmands are invited to participate in Pentecost worship on June 9 following church tradition. If a confirmand is ill or will miss church for another reason, please leave a message at the church (570-385-2049) for Pastor Shawn.

**Confirmands Meet with Consistory**                      **Thursday, May 9, 6:30 PM**  
The confirmands will meet with Consistory for conversation about the confirmation process.

**Spring Flower Sale Pick-up**  
Thank you for ordering spring flowers to support the confirmands as they raise funds to buy a class gift for the church. Flowers may be picked up Saturday, May 11, from 9-11 AM at the Shaup Shop behind the church or Sunday, May 12, after worship.

**20 Hour Famine rescheduled – see TEEN FORCE page 15**

## FELLOWSHIP

**NEW DATE: GAMES OUTING**                      **Sunday, May 11, 6 PM**  
Meet at the church to carpool to Laser Quest, 1035 Bern Road, Wyomissing for the Key Quest Escape Room (\$15) and Laser Quest (\$9 per game). REGISTRATION FOR THE ESCAPE ROOM IS NEEDED NO LATER THAN MAY 5. Return times will be determined with car pool partners.

## EVANGELISM

### Welcoming Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Isn't it wonderful to welcome new members into the church as we seek to serve God through Christ and to serve others with love? Please continue to reach out to others with Christian friendship. Even if the other person turns out to be someone who is already a member, you will make a new friend and have someone else to greet when we pass the peace of Christ in worship.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Al-Anon Meetings

Two meetings are offered weekly in Schuylkill Haven for families and friends of alcoholics: Wednesday evenings here at First Church and Friday evenings at Grace EC Church. For info call Sara 570-449-1830 or Tanya 570-497-0356.

### Opportunity House

Supportive services are offered for veterans who are homeless or facing homelessness. Services may include: housing/rental expenses; moving expenses; transportation; child care; VA Benefit referrals; education, health care and legal referrals. For more information call 570-604-6948.

### Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

On the third Friday of the month, the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches distributes food at their Food Pantry, located on Market Street behind Evans Delivery (the old Walk-In Shoe Factory), and beginning at 1 PM.

## GRADUATES

### Graduation Recognition

**Sunday, May 19**

Congratulations to Our Graduates! This coming spring, several of our young people are scheduled to graduate from high school, college, and graduate school. Graduates will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 19.

Please hold these people in prayer during their final months of study ... **Brendan Fox, Jared Lopez & Mackenzie Nye** (Blue Mountain); **Elizabeth Reichert & Josh Schrader** (Schuylkill Haven); and college graduates ... **Sarah Bressler** (Penn State University). **Congratulations!!** Please notify the church office if we have overlooked a graduate.

## MEAT BINGOS

The profit from the March 23 Meat Bingo was \$3,468.60, plus \$191 collected in offering envelopes. Bingo profits are placed in the church's general budget to be used towards the everyday expenses. ***Thank you for your support!!***

**Other 2019 BINGO** dates will be announced over the summer.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### SH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

#### Monday Mornings, 8:30-10AM

Volunteers are needed to sort food and to prepare distribution for pantry clients. If you have questions, contact Shirley German at 570-205-1763.

### SH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

cereal, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned products, especially fruit, and household paper products, especially toilet paper. Please place your donations in the blue tub in the Narthex. Thank you for caring for your neighbors!

### SERVANTS TO ALL OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to assist the STA staff at the overnight shelter on an occasional basis. The shelter is open from 7:30 PM to 7:30 AM, seven days a week. Volunteers must complete an application and background checks. Contact Jeanette Triano Sinn, Executive Director, 570-728-2917.

### SWIC'S MOST WANTED LIST

Schuylkill Women in Crisis is in need of the following items: baby items; bathroom supplies; cleaning supplies; clothing; NEW undergarments; first aid supplies; kitchenware; personal hygiene items; cellphones and chargers; and toys. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church for delivery. Thank you!

## SUMMER CAMPS

### HARTMAN CENTER CHRISTIAN CAMP

The Hartman Center offers a variety of camps for all ages. For more information visit the Hartman Center website at [www.hartmancenter.com](http://www.hartmancenter.com). The church will pay 1/2 camp costs for children high school age or younger. Brochures are available in the Narthex.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5/3- Bill & Mandy Coffey (1986)       | 6/3- Rich & Bev Scott (1989)       |
| 5/3- Ed & Ruth Ann Deschler (1997)    | 6/3- Greg & Jen Semanco (1995)     |
| 5/6- Dave & Linda Williams (1972)     | 6/9- Hank & Audrey Hummel (1979)   |
| 5/8- Gil & Sylvia Beury (2004)        | 6/10- Gary & Carla Keller (1989)   |
| 5/10- Ernie & Lynn Moyer (1975)       | 6/15- John & Pam Swirsky (1996)    |
| 5/12- Harry & Pat Painter (1991)      | 6/15- Dion & Maggi Fessler (2002)  |
| 5/19- Craig & Terri Luckenbill (1979) | 6/18- Chris & Tania Evans (2011)   |
| 5/22- Kevin & Ali Marmas (2010)       | 6/18- Jack & Anne Fisher (1960)    |
| 5/22- Tom & Mary Stewart (1999)       | 6/21- Joe & Deb Mattera (1975)     |
| 5/24- Tim & Cathy Burian (1997)       | 6/22- Dale & Irene Mordosky (1963) |
| 5/31- Harry & Beth Eckert (1980)      | 6/27- Herm & Nadine Morgan (1987)  |
| 6/1- Craig & Lori Spotts (1985)       | 6/28- Bob & Tina Kluge (1997)      |

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- |                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5/1- Bobbie Donati (1961)        | 5/24- Maleca Tuite            |
| Meghan McShaw (1984)             | 5/25- Diane Newswanger (1959) |
| Joel Spotts                      | 5/28- Brian Moyer (1968)      |
| 5/3- Nicholas Spotts (1989)      | 6/3- James Miller (1941)      |
| 5/4- Alicia Kimmel (1993)        | 6/5- Dave Williams (1949)     |
| Megan Moyer (2000)               | 6/7- Leroy Boyer (1970)       |
| Richard Scott III (1999)         | 6/8- Mackenzie Nye (2001)     |
| 5/5- Wally Foose (1940)          | 6/9- Hank Hummel (1951)       |
| 5/6- Steven Spotts (1982)        | 6/10- June Renninger (1938)   |
| 5/7- Kim Quinn (1970)            | Mary Young (1929)             |
| 5/8- Brendan Fox (2001)          | 6/14- Anne Fisher (1935)      |
| 5/12- Clair Frushon (2017)       | Josh Semanco (1997)           |
| 5/13- Robin Bayliff              | Zack Semanco (1997)           |
| 5/15- Misty Bressler (1963)      | 6/15- Betty Wingle            |
| 5/16- Rachel Sonnon (2001)       | 6/16- Amy Buffington          |
| 5/17- Anna (Fultz) Haller (1975) | 6/17- Sterling I. Shappell    |
| 5/18- Riley Bradley (2010)       | 6/18- Kris Sonon (1979)       |
| Taunia Darcangelo                | 6/20- Al Deatrich (1958)      |
| Mary Alice Ross (1932)           | June Schoffstall (1934)       |
| 5/19- Linda Spotts (1956)        | 6/23- Malaki Nye (2003)       |
| 5/20- Jacob Kluge (2000)         | 6/24- Larry Morgan (1953)     |
| Pat Sprague (1936)               | 6/25- Blanche Koehler (1931)  |
| 5/22- Ali Marmas (1984)          | 6/28- Steve Murray (1951)     |
| 5/24- Katie Fox (1995)           | 6/30- Alex Alexander          |

*If we missed a birthday or anniversary, listed an incorrect date or do not have the year, please call the church office so that we are able to correct and/or update our records.*

## PENNSYLVANIA SE CONFERENCE

### 2019 PSEC ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

#### On the Road Again! Encountering CHRIST

**Friday, May 31st – Saturday, June 1, 2019, West Chester University**

Brian D. McLaren will join us for our 2019 Annual Spring Meeting. Brian is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. He is a passionate advocate for “a new kind of Christianity” – just and generous, working with people of all faiths for the common good. In addition, we will use this time to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and each other and to strengthen our gifts to ministry in service to God’s people. Registration is needed by May 20.

## SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION

### LOVE IS A VERB!

### SPRING MEETING

**Sunday, May 5, 2:30 PM Registration, 3 PM Worship and Meeting**

**Christ Fountain UCC, Hegins**

With the other UCC churches in Schuylkill County, we will gather to worship and to support one another in shared ministry as we celebrate the Schuylkill Association’s generous response to local flooding and other mission work.

### PARTNERING WITH SERVANTS TO ALL

#### Schuylkill Association Mission Project

This organization works to restore dignity and to transform the lives of poor and displaced individuals and families in Schuylkill County. To support the essential work of My Father’s House, the churches of the Schuylkill Association will gather needed items and provide labor for improvements at STA.

**Donations Needed:** coffee, creamer, sugar, breakfast/protein bars, bottled water, hot chocolate, juice boxes, peanut butter and jelly, hot cups and paper products. Donations can be dropped off at church or at 4 South Centre Street, Pottsville, between 9 AM and 1 PM.

Please place your donations in the box marked “Schuylkill Association Mission Project” in the Narthex. Details are pending on the service projects.

### Camping at Locust Lake State Park

The Schuylkill Association supports a summer chaplain for both camping sites. Locust Lake. Worship starts at 9:30 AM. Church members are always welcome! This year’s chaplain is Tina Kensinger from Trinity UCC in Tamaqua.



## SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

### Monthly Food Pantry

**Fridays, May 17 & June 21, 1 PM**

About 170 households in our area receive food every month through the Council of Churches Food Pantry. Food donations are needed to restock the Pantry shelves. The Food Pantry is located on Market Street, behind Evans Delivery on Columbia Street (the old Walkin Shoe Factory).

### Bloodmobile

**Thursday, May 16, 12:30-5:30 PM**

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Council holds a Bloodmobile for the American Red Cross every other month at Jerusalem Lutheran Church. You must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be healthy in order to be able to donate blood.

### Bi-Monthly Council Meeting

**Tuesday, May 28, 7 PM**

**St. John’s UCC, Schuylkill Haven**

Meetings are open to all church members. First UCC is in need of two representatives.

The Council continues its monthly food pantry for people in need in the area, offered on the third Friday of the month. The Council assists with utilities emergencies on a limited basis.

Next fall, the Council will offer the Weekender Program for the sixth year through the Schuylkill Haven Area Elementary Center, assisted by donations from the community. Children who are eligible for reduced or free lunches receive food for the weekend through the Berks Food Bank.

Information about the Council can be found on its website at [schuylkillhavencouncilofchurches.org](http://schuylkillhavencouncilofchurches.org). Talk to Pastor Shawn for more details.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Bell Choir practice is Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM. Music for the end of May is being prepared. New members are always welcome to join the bell choir. If you have questions about the church’s music program, you can contact Chris Evans, at 717-329-6904 or email him at [chrisevans838@gmail.com](mailto:chrisevans838@gmail.com).

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer months (June, July & August), the church office will be open **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 AM – 1 PM.**

If any days need to be changed throughout the summer, it will be noted in the Sunday bulletin. As always, if we are not in the office, or stepped away from the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Gardening with God.** When you walk by a flower bed on your way to a meeting or worship, please take a minute to pull a weed as we care for God's church entrusted to us.

### **Spring Clean-up** **Saturday, May 18, 10 AM-Noon**

The church is in need of a spring cleaning. Your time would be appreciated to trim a few plants, pick up fallen branches, pull weeds and plant spring flowers. We'll also have a list of indoor projects. Let us know if you have suggestions for projects.

**Fit First 2019: Challenge Walk to Jerusalem.** In keeping with our Life Balance approach and Love Diet, we are renewing our summer walk to Jerusalem. It's 5,750 miles between Schuylkill Haven and Jerusalem. Most people can walk a mile in about 20 minutes. If a person walked seven miles a week, starting May 1 and ending August 31, that would add up to 123 miles. We'll pool our miles at the end of the summer to see if we made it to Jerusalem. If even half of our members participate in the challenge, we could easily total 20,000 miles while feeling much better at summer's end. Join as we walk to where Jesus walked!

## STEWARDSHIP – CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

**Shank's Vanilla.** 8 oz. bottles of vanilla are being sold for \$6 per bottle. The vanilla is a great ingredient for baking.

**Boyer's Tag.** Boyer's SKU Tags are available in the Narthex. When you purchase groceries at Boyer's, ask to have your tag read. Periodically, Boyer's will tally the readings and send a check to the church. (No need to hand in Boyer's receipts.)

**Redner's Save-A-Tape.** Pick up a Save-A-Tape card at Redner's and use it whenever you buy groceries. Hand in your Redner's receipts by placing them in the box in the Narthex. Totals of the tapes will be submitted to Redner's who will then provide the church with a check.

The contents of this newsletter can be found on the church's website, [www.firstucc-haven.org](http://www.firstucc-haven.org), so that you can access it easily on line.

## TEEN F.O.R.C.E.

**See the FELLOWSHIP page for details on an outing to Laser Quest for an escape room experience Saturday, May 11, 6 PM.**

**20 HOUR FAMINE: JUST HUNGER – rescheduled due to the flu**  
**Hunger isn't just. But your hunger can be.**

**Friday, May 17, 6:30 PM - Saturday, May 18, 3:30 PM**

Every five seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now! Through games, videos and the Bible we will learn about hunger and ways we can eradicate it. We have the option of fasting completely or eating the kind of food available to people who live in poverty. We'll end the event with communion as we remember that we are fed physically and spiritually by God. Youth will need to register for the event, providing a parental permission slip with medical insurance information. **Advanced registration is required by Sunday, May 12.** Check Sunday bulletins for additional information. Participants need to be 12 years or older. **Each participant is asked to raise at least \$40,** enough to feed a child for one month and just \$2 for every hour of the famine. \$480 is needed to feed and care for one child for a year. See Pastor Shawn for Fund raising kits.

### **Summer Activities**

Would you like to go to **Ozzy's** for indoor and outdoor fun sometime this summer? Do you have other suggestions? Leave a message on the church FB page to let Pastor Shawn know.

## THANK YOU NOTES!!

"Thank You" notes were received over the last couple of months. All of the notes/letters are posted on the bulletin board by the offices. Messages of thanks were received from: Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC, SWIC (Schuylkill Women in Crisis), Servants to All, Schuylkill Haven Fire Police, Hillside SPCA, and Schuylkill Haven Union Cemetery.

**Lent and Easter Gratitude.** Thank you to everyone who participated in Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday worship, who played the bells, prepared communion, ordered and arranged flowers, donated candy and stuffed Easter eggs, mowed the lawn, prepared fellowship, welcomed visitors, and gave away what they had first received: the love of God and the joy of life with our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. May we continue to bear witness to the gift of resurrection life so people will know us as disciples of Jesus when we love others as Christ has first loved us.



## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### The 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Christ is June 25 United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> General Synod of the United Church of Christ will be held in Milwaukee WI, June 21-25. Pastor Shawn and Malaki Nye will attend.

## VIETNAM VETERANS

### Memorial Day Service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monday, May 27, 1:30 PM

The community is invited to hear guest speakers and offer our gratitude to those who have given their lives in service to uphold the values of freedom, justice and liberty for all.



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### Altar Guild

May 5 – *Lora Yoder*

June 2 – \_\_\_\_\_

### Care Cards

May – *Aggie Masler*

June – \_\_\_\_\_

### Liturgist

May 5 – *Ann Risser*

May 12 – *Jennifer Hosler*

May 19 – *Belinda Rohrer*

May 26 – *Dale Mordosky*

June 2 – *Delia Edling*

June 9 – *Belinda Rohrer*

June 16 – *Pastor Shawn*

### Acolyte

May 5 – *Jara Strunk*

May 12 – *Wyatt Rondeau*

May 19 – *Cole Paul*

May 26 – *Lilly Edling*

June 2 – \_\_\_\_\_

June 9 – \_\_\_\_\_

June 16 – \_\_\_\_\_

### Children's Church

May 5 – *Delia Edling & Malaki Nye*

May 12 – *Delia Edling & Gavin Fry*

May 19 – *Delia Edling & Riley Moyer*

May 26 – *Delia Edling & Malaki Nye*

June 2 – **NO Children's Church**

June 9 – **NO Children's Church**

June 16 – **NO Children's Church**

June 23 – **Delia Edling & Gavin Fry**

### First Sunday Fellowship

May 5- *George & Peggy*

June 2 - \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot serve on the date listed above, please find a replacement and call the church office @ 385-2049 with the change. Also, please call the church office if you are able to cover any of the blank dates.

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### Call the church office 570-385-2049 when:

- **Someone is admitted to the hospital (the hospitals don't call us)**
  - **You plan a meeting**
  - **You are moving**
  - **A new baby arrives or a death occurs**
  - **Your telephone number or address has changed**

**If you get the answering machine, please leave a message.**

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### Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, please "LIKE" the church's Facebook page. This will allow you to receive regular updates and messages from the church office.

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